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PANAMA.

Yellow fever at Panama.

A telegram from the United States consul at Panama, April 13, announces yellow fever at that place.

TURKEY.

Plague reported on English steamers Baldwin and Dilwara—Anti plague serum.

[Report No. 172.]

CONSTANTINOPLE, *March 31, 1897.*

According to official news bubonic plague is abating in India, but official news received from Russia announces that a case of bubonic plague has occurred on board the *Baldwin*, an English steamship, which has arrived in Theodosia, Russia, from Cardiff. All the necessary steps have been taken by the Russian sanitary authorities. Another case of the same disease has occurred on board the *Dilwara*, another English steamship, which arrived at Suez from Bombay and bound to Southampton. There also the necessary steps have been taken by the Egyptian authorities in order to prevent the spread of the disease.

The Turkish Government, among other steps, will buy a certain quantity of antipest serum. When this question was brought before the International Sanitary Commission it was said that the above-mentioned serum might cause in the vaccinated person an outbreak of plague instead of preventing it. The United States sanitary representative has advanced that in order to prevent the spread of bubonic plague, as well as other diseases, the best thing to do is to improve the sanitary condition of the different towns of the empire. I have already reported that it may be stated that public hygiene does not exist in Turkey.

According to the returns of the bureau de la mortalité, of Constantinople, during the week ended the 29th of March there have been registered 14 deaths from typhoid fever, 7 from diphtheria, 4 from smallpox, 3 from scarlet fever, and 2 from measles.

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STATISTICAL REPORTS.

AUSTRALIA—*Brisbane*.—Month of December, 1896. Estimated population, 95,491. Total deaths, 84, including enteric fever, 2.

Newcastle.—Month of January, 1897. Estimated population, 7,581. Total deaths, 14. Month of February, 1897. Total deaths, 11.

Sydney.—Month ended January, 1897. Estimated population, 410,000. Total deaths, 415, including scarlet fever, 2; diphtheria, 4, and enteric fever, 11.

FRANCE—*Nantes*.—Month ended March 31, 1897. Estimated population, 125,757. Total deaths, 250, including enteric fever, 1, and measles, 1.

GREAT BRITAIN—*England and Wales*.—The deaths registered in 33 great towns of England and Wales during the week ended April 3, 1897,